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U.S. EMBASSY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



The U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur will be closed on Thursday, November 24, for the U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day is one of the United States' most widely celebrated holidays. It is a day during which all Americans regardless of their race, religion, or ethnic background join family and friends in giving thanks for the blessings they enjoy and in giving assistance to those less fortunate than themselves.

U.S. President Barack Obama, in his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, reminded Americans, "In times of adversity and times of plenty, we have lifted our hearts by giving humble thanks for the blessings we have received and for those who bring meaning to our lives. Today, let us offer gratitude to our men and women in uniform for their many sacrifices, and keep in our thoughts the families who save an empty seat at the table for a loved one stationed in harm's way. And as members of our American family make do with less, let us rededicate ourselves to our friends and fellow citizens in need of a helping hand.

As we gather in our communities and in our homes, around the table or near the hearth, we give thanks to each other and to God for the many kindnesses and comforts that grace our lives. Let us pause to recount the simple gifts that sustain us, and resolve to pay them forward in the year to come."

To read the entire presidential proclamation:

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2011/11/20111117122156su0.5286916.html#ixzz1eOl6j6P>

All Embassy services, including visa and American passport and notary services, will resume operation on Friday, November 25, 2011.

The Embassy phone number for after-hours emergencies is (03) 2168-5000.